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SIXTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,  
applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to  
the following documents:

U.S. Patent Documents

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The aforementioned documents are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate).

It is respectfully requested that the aforementioned patent documents be (1) fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during examination of this application; and (2) printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicants request that a

copy of Form PTO-1449, initialed by the Examiner to indicate that all references cited in this Statement have been considered, be returned with the next communication.

Applicants note that aforementioned Australian Patent No. 715920 was issued on February 10, 2000, but was previously published as Australian Patent Application No. 199538112 on May 31, 1996, and is at least in part identical to International Publication No. WO 96/14636, which was published on May 17, 1996 and is cited herein.

French Patent No. 2628717, which is in French, was previously cited in an information disclosure statement that was filed in this application on July 21, 2004. Applicants have now obtained an English-language translation of the document and enclose the translation pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(ii).

It is respectfully requested that the translation be fully considered, along with the aforementioned document, by the Patent and Trademark Office during examination of this application. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge that the translation has been considered by signing below the statement "The translation of French Patent No. 2628717 submitted with the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement has been considered" in the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

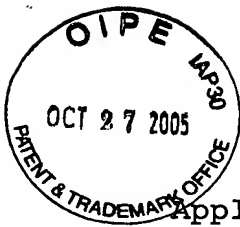
Applicants note that counterpart Australian Innovation Patent No. 2005100430 is the subject of litigation pending in the Federal Court of Australia, New South Wales District (Docket No. NSD 1082 of 2005). In that litigation, it has been alleged that claims in the patent are invalid in view of the following references, all of which were previously disclosed or are currently being disclosed to the Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the instant application:

PCT Publication No. WO 00/17877  
PCT Publication No. WO 99/39068;  
French Patent No. 2,628,717;  
European Patent No. 0616103;  
U.S. Patent No. 3,933,381;  
U.S. Patent No. 4,466,540;  
U.S. Patent No. 5,760,689; and  
U.S. Patent No. 5,944,185.

This Statement is being submitted before the mailing date of any of a final action under § 1.113, a notice of allowance under § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2), the Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the fee required under § 1.17(p) in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, as well as any other fee due, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075, Order No. 000879-0008. A duplicate copy of the statement is being transmitted herewith.

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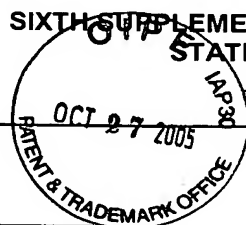
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